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FOR LILLIAN MULLINS SCS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CGEN CASC BF
SUBJ: W/W: MISSING PERSONS, RICHARD HAMMERSTEIN AND
BARBARA BARETTE AND STRANDED VESSEL

REF: TEL CON 8/10/77 - HUGHES/MULLINS

1. THE BAHAMAS MARINE POLICE DIVISION HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING RICHARD A. HAMMERSTEIN, OWNER YACHT PEN DRAGON WHICH WAS FOUND AGROUND ON A SAND BAR NEAR SCRUB CAY, EXUMAS. THE YACHT WAS FIRST SPOTTED BY AIRLINE PILOT ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 8 AND MARINE POLICE INVESTIGATED ON AUGUST 9. POLICE REPORTED FOLLOWING:

(A) THE PEN DRAGON APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN ABANDONED SUDDENLY. DENTAL EQUIPMENT INDICATING OWNER MAY BE A DENTIST, CLOTHING AND SOME ID WERE FOUND ON BOARD. A CUP OF COFFEE WAS SITTING ON THE BRIDGE. THE ANCHOR AND DINGHY WERE IN PLACE ABOARD BOAT.

(B) OWNERSHIP TRANSFER #NV10V1107,6N177-CP2110C SHOWS RICHARD A. HAMMERSTEIN AS PRESENT OWNER.

(C) ID GIVES HAMMERSTEIN'S ADDRESS AS P.O. BOX 32, RTE 3, CAMBRIDGE, MD. HIS U.S. COAST GUARD ID CARD ZZ1150529 SHOWS HIS ADDRESS AS 7317 MARYLAND DR., UNIVERSITY CITY, MD. ID FOR BARBARA J. BARETTE GIVES HALM RTE, MISCID CITY, MD. AS HER ADDRESS.

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(D) THE PEN DRAGON IS A TWO MASTED MOTOR SAILER (OIL SCREW BUILT). DEPARTMENT CONFIRMED BY TELEPHONE THAT HER REGISTRY NUMBER IS 509866.

(E) HAMMERSTEIN & BARETTE STAYED IN FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA, THE NIGHT OF MAY 27, 1977.

(F) HAMMERSTEIN VISITED THE DOCTOR AT THE GEORGE TOWN CLINIC IN THE EXUMAS ON JULY 12, 1977 FOR TREATMENT

OF A SWOLLEN ARM.

(G) POLICE REPORT NO DRUGS FOUND ON BOARD.

(H) POLICE BOAT HAS LEFT THE SCENE.

2. AS PER 7 FAM 562.1 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL LAW
EMBASSY COULD ASSUME JURISDICTION OF THE PEN DRAGON AND
EFFECT SALVAGE. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES POST TO EXERCISE
THIS OPTION PLEASE GIVE FISCAL CITATION DATA. ALTERNATELY,
UNDER THE BAHAMAS MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, EFFECTIVE DEC. 31,
1976, CAPT. MORRIS OF THE MARITIME DIVISION OF THE
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT COULD ACT IN HIS CAPACITY OF "RECEIVER
OF SHIPS" TO EFFECT SALVAGE AND WOULD HOLD A LEIN ON THE
YACHT FOR ANY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE SALVAGING THEREOF.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.

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